

In regards to removing Code requirements to the Amateur testing requirements. I have been an Amateur Radio Operator for 50 years. I saw the 11 Meter band go from a useful tool to the sorry state it is in today. The FCC decided it could no longer control it because of limited funds and people. It has been let go. What makes anyone think that it would be any different with Amateur Radio? It would make as much since to as just selling the Amateur Radio Licenses to the highest bidder and make a little change for the FCC coffers as they do with the commercial licenses. It will go to hell in a "hand basket". To work for your license and therefore have a lot of pride in what it takes to get a license, will mean a lot more than simply buying or being issued a license for filing an application for Amateur Radio. It only takes a few min. of listening to 20 meters or 75 meters to find out what level it has been degraded to already. Does anybody in their right mind think it will get any better? I think not.

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